Grants to the States for immunization Programme

2743. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have called upon the States to draw up of action plan for implementation of the national mission on immunisation;

(b) if so, what are the details of the guidelines issued in this regard;

(c) what kind of help Government propose to render to the State Governments for effective implementation of the action plan; and

(d) by when the target is likely to be achieved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. States have been requested to prepare their action planes giving details of vaccine requirement, vaccine distribution, storage and testing facilites for vaccines, disease surveillance, involvement of voluntary organisations, arrangements for coverage avaluation and other items relevant to the particular situation of each State.

(c) Additional inputs in the shape of additional staff, vaccines, equipment for storage and transportation of vaccines (such as walk-in-coolers, refrigerators and vaccine carriars), items of recurrent nature such as syringes and needles and vehicles are provided to States for effective implementation of the action plan.

(d) Target is likely to be achieved by March, 1990.

Miraculous escape of the Air Passengers

2744. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Airlines Boeing 737 with 115 passengers on board had a miraculous escape when it made an emergency landing at Indira Gandhi International Airport on the night of 30th June this year due to failure of system; and

(b) if so, what are the details of defect and failure in the system and measures taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) An Indian Airlines B-737 aircraft operating flight IC-415 made a precautionary landing at Palam due to failure of Hydraulic System 'A' on 30-6-88. There was no emergency and the aircraft landed normally without any damage or injury.

An enquiry has been ordered into the incident.

Detection of substandard drugs in Maharashtra

2745. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Maharashtra Government has detected sub-standard drugs manufactured by as many as 97 companies, of these 48 units had their manufacturing plants outside the State and sub-standard drugs are still being marketed in the country and the number of companies have not withdrawn from market, the drugs which were declared sub-standard; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the number of cases booked and action taken by Government to prevent marketing such sub-standard drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Government has not received any information from the Commissioner, Food and Drugs Administration, Maharashtra State about the sub-standard drugs of 97 companies of which 48 units are outside the State of Maharashtra.

Expiry date for use of anti leprosy drugs at Baghbazare Depot

2746. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the anti-leprosy drugs costing lakhs of rupees became time barred at Baghbazare Depot at Calcutta during 1986-87;

(b) whether it is a fact that several other depots in the country were facing shortage of anti-leprosy drugs; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not bringing in use the anti-leprosy drugs at Baghbazare depot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) There is no Central Government Medical Store Depot at Baghbazar, Calcutta.

(b) According to reports, no Central Government Medical Store Depot in the country is facing shortage of anti-leprosy drugs.

(c) In view of (a) & (b) above, does not arise.

Establishment of National Institute of maternal and child health

2747. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to establish National Institute of Maternal and Child Health during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, which are the locations suggested by different States in this regard;

(c) what decision has been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if no decision has been taken, by when it is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Locations suggested are: Nagpur in Maharashtra, Bhiwani in Haryana, Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, Indore in Madhya Pradesh, Jodhpur in Rajasthan, Trivandrum in Kerala, Calcutta and Kalyani in West Bengal, Patiala in Punjab and Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Observations made in the Lentin Commission Report

2748. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the ansnwer to Unstarred Question No. 1878 given in Rajya Sabha on 11th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has since examined the Lentin Commission report;

(b) if so, what are the main observations made in the Report;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain specific conclusions have been drawn about the working of Drugs Control Administration as well as poor standard of medicines;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government to safeguard the interests of consumers in the light of the Report?